


REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the present application. Claims 12 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-11, 15-17, and 19-20 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claim in a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 17-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 18 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To facilitate early allowance of the present application, Applicant has also cancelled claims 1-11, 15-17, and 19-20, and amended claim 12 to depend from allowable claim 18. Claims 12-14, which now depend from claim 18, should therefore be in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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